too through the functionaries at the field level are propagating such awareness.

**Specialised burn wards in Hospitals**

2663. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of burnt patients admitted in different hospitals in a day in the country;

(b) the number of Government hospitals, State-wise having specialised burn wards;

(c) whether Government are aware of declining/dilapidated facilities in burn wards particularly in Safdarjung hospital; if so, the details available with his Ministry on this account; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure the basic medical treatm facilities in Safdarjung Burn Ward?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) 'Health' being a State subject under the Constitution, such information is not compiled by the Ministry.

(c) and (d) For strengthening the Burns Ward in Safdarjung Hospital, the Ministry had sanctioned Rs. 115.86 lakhs for the purchase of equipment and Rs. 94.56 lakhs for construction/civil works during 1996-97. Besides this, 130 posts of various categories have been sanctioned for Burns Ward to overcome the shortage of manpower. During 1997-98 Administrative approval and Expenditure Sanction has been issued for undertaking civil/ electrical works such as providing (i) wash basin in the cubicles of Burns Ward of Burns ICU; (ii) tile flooring in Burns Ward; (iii) main sewer line from Burn Ward to Gate No. 1; (iv) providing and installation of one New lift in Burns Ward and (v) providing window type A.C. Units in Plastic O.P.D. at Burns Ward.

**Indira Gandhi Regional Institute for Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong**

2664. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total financial involvement for the establishment of the North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences at Shillong;

(b) in how many phases the project was proposed to be completed; and

(c) whether Government have approved the proposal for implementation of Phases II and III of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) The North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Science, Shillong was to be set up at an estimated cost of Rs. 71.18 crores. At present efforts are being made to make the Interim Facilities for Super-speciality services in Gasto-enterology and Cardiology operational by taking steps for installation of medical equipment and appointment of medical personnel. The Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. P. K. Dave, Director, All India Instt. of Medical Sciences, New Delhi was constituted (a) to prepare a detailed project report for setting up a Referral Hospital with Post graduate Teaching, (b) to update the costing, determining the interse priorities and phasing to meet the minimum requirement for establishing post graduate teaching, (c) to revise the Project to include MBBS Course, and (d) to examine the Project Proposal prepared by the Institute.

On examining the Report, it was found that detailed cost estimates are required to be worked out, keeping in view the priorities and the norms laid down by the Medical Council of India. The Institute has entrusted the task of preparation of cost estimates to M/s. Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Ltd. The entire matter will be placed before the Governing Council.